

# Solo Leveling

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BOSS, A NEW GATE  
APPEARED YESTERDAY,  
BUT IT'S GONNA BE  
DIFFICULT FOR US  
TO GET AN ENTRY  
PERMIT FOR IT.

ACCORDIN' TO THE  
HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION,  
THE GATE'S RANK IS  
PRETTY HIGH.

IS IT AN S-RANK  
OR SOMETHIN'?

NO, BUT  
THEY SAID IT'S A  
TOP-TIER A-RANK  
GATE.






WHAT A PAIN IN  
THE NECK.

WE COULD  
ALL END UP DYIN'  
IN THERE IF WE'RE  
NOT CAREFUL.

IF IT WERE AN S-RANK,  
GIVIN' UP WOULD BE THE  
OBVIOUS WAY TO GO. WE  
HAVEN'T REALLY GOT THE  
MANPOWER TO FORM A  
STRIKE SQUAD FOR AN  
A-RANK GATE,


BUT WE'RE ONE OF THE  
FIVE MAJOR GUILDS IN THE  
COUNTRY, SO PEOPLE  
MIGHT START TALKIN' IF WE  
FAIL TO CLEAR IT...





THE REAL PROBLEM IS  
THAT MOST PEOPLE THINK  
A, B, C, D, AND E-RANKS  
ARE ALL THE SAME.

THE GUYS OVER AT THE  
FAME GUILD WILL JUMP AT  
THE OPPORTUNITY IF WE  
PASS ON THIS GATE...



ARE YA SAYIN'  
WE SHOULD JUST  
SPOON-FEED MA  
DONGWOOK A GATE  
THAT SPAWNED IN  
OUR OWN FRONT  
YARD?!

N...NO, I WAS  
JUST LETTIN' YA  
KNOW, BOSS.

IN TERMS OF NUMBERS AND  
CAPABILITY, OUR A-RANK HUNTERS  
ARE BY NO MEANS INFERIOR THAN  
A-RANKS FROM THE OTHER  
MAJOR GUILDS.

WE JUST DON'T HAVE



ANY S-RANKS IN THE  
MIX. THAT'S WHAT  
SETS US BACK...

WHY DON'T WE JUST  
FORM AN ALLIANCE  
WITH ANOTHER GUILD  
THEN?

DO YA THINK ANOTHER  
GUILD WILL AGREE TO  
BE OUR ALLY,

WHEN IT'S OBVIOUS  
THAT WE'RE ONLY ASKIN'  
FOR HELP 'CAUSE WE  
DON'T THINK WE CAN  
CLEAR THE GATE BY  
OURSELVES?

HOW ABOUT AN  
INDIVIDUAL INSTEAD  
OF A GUILD?



JUNG YERIM  
A-RANK  
HEALER



THIS IS A TOP-TIER  
A-RANK GATE WE'RE  
TALKIN' ABOUT. HOW  
WOULD A SINGLE  
HUNTER MAKE ANY  
DIFFERE...



YOU KNOW  
WHO I'M TALKING  
ABOUT, RIGHT?





YEAH.

YOU'RE TALKIN'  
ABOUT SUNG  
JINWOO.

CREATIN' AN ALLIANCE  
WITH ANOTHER GUILD MIGHT  
GIVE US A BAD NAME, BUT THE  
PUBLIC MIGHT ACKNOWLEDGE  
US MORE IF WE JOIN FORCES  
WITH SUNG JINWOO.

PLUS, WE'LL HAVE  
A BETTER CHANCE AT  
SAFELY CLEARIN' THIS  
DANGEROUS RAID.

WHAT'S SUNG  
JINWOO UP TO  
THESE DAYS?

HE CLEARED A GATE THAT  
SPAWNED IN THE MIDDLE OF  
A HIGHWAY NOT TOO LONG  
AGO, BUT BESIDES THAT,  
HE'S BEEN KEEPIN' A  
LOW PROFILE.



WOULD YA LIKE  
ME TO GET YOU HIS  
CONTACT INFO,  
BOSS?

NAH, DON'T  
BE SILLY.

IT WOULDN'T BE  
RIGHT TO HANDLE  
SUCH AN IMPORTANT  
MATTER OVER THE  
PHONE.

LET'S GO PAY  
HIM A VISIT.



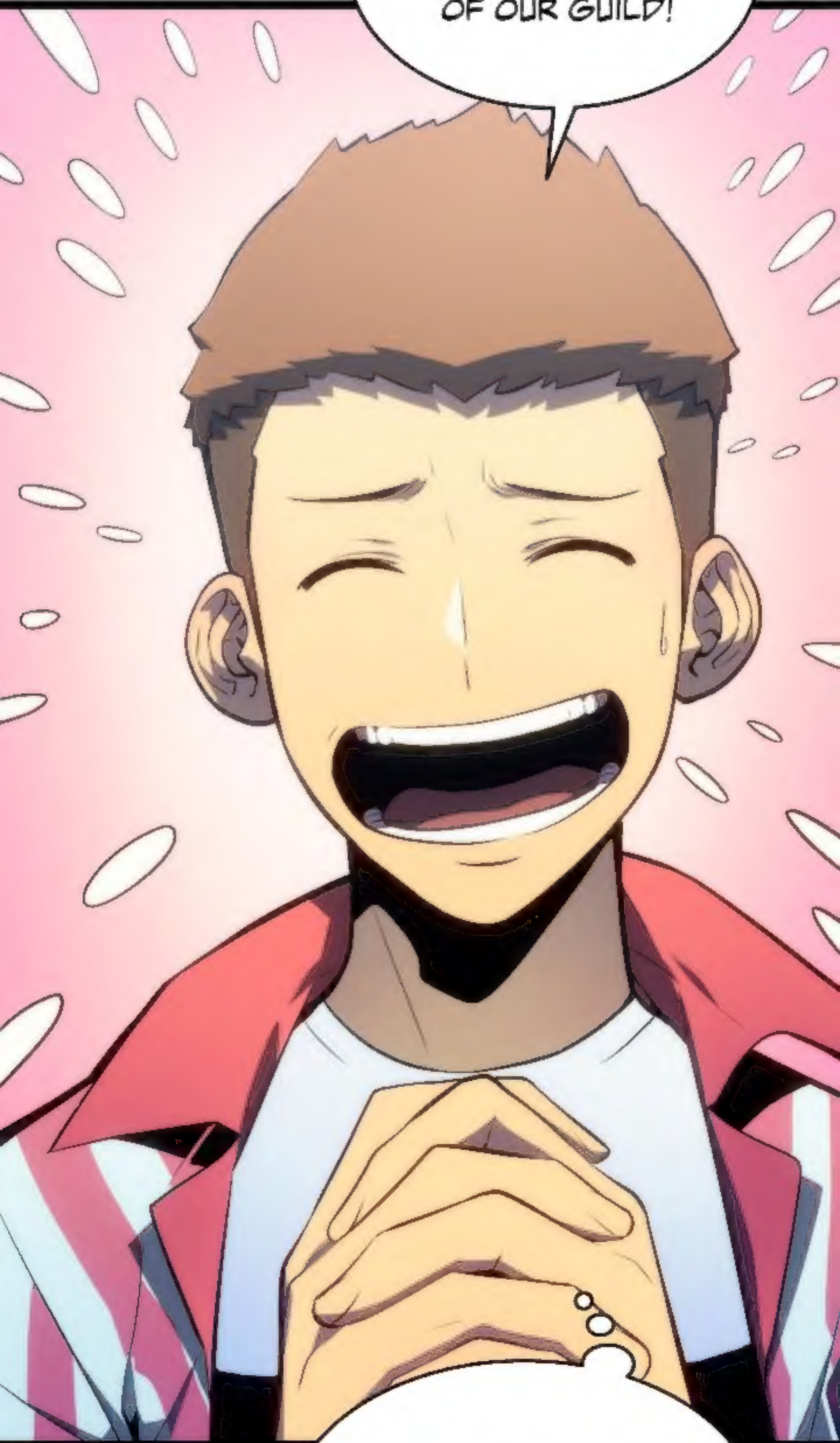
WHAT DO  
YOU THINK ABOUT  
"AHJIN" GUILD?





THAT... SOUNDS  
WONDERFUL, SIR!

LET'S MAKE THAT  
THE OFFICIAL NAME  
OF OUR GUILD!



ANYTHING'S FINE,  
AS LONG AS IT ISN'T  
"SOLO PLAYER"  
GUILD.



OKAY, THEN.  
NOW THAT WE'VE  
SETTLED ON  
A NAME,

ALL WE HAVE TO  
DO IS RECRUIT ONE  
LAST FOUNDING  
MEMBER, RIGHT?

WHAT  
HAPPENED  
WITH MS. CHA  
YESTERDAY?

I DON'T THINK  
MS. CHA'S THE RIGHT  
FIT FOR OUR GUILD.  
SHE'S NOT THE ONE  
I'M LOOKING  
FOR.

SHE'S AN S-RANK,  
YOUNG, AND HAS A GREAT  
PERFORMANCE RECORD.  
SHE'S EVEN GOT KILLER  
LOOKS...

WHO WOULD BE A  
BETTER CANDIDATE  
THAN MS. CHA?

GASP

UM, SIR. WHAT  
KIND OF PERSON  
ARE YOU LOOKING  
FOR EXACTLY?



SOMEONE  
WITH A HUNTER'S  
LICENSE...

WHO HAS NO  
INTEREST IN JOINING  
A GUILD,

BUT IS STILL  
TRUSTWORTHY?



A COUPLE OF  
PEOPLE COME TO  
MIND, BUT...

Knock  
Knock





WHO IS IT?

CLACK

COULD IT BE  
MS. CHA AGAIN?

HELLO.

I'M PARK JONGSOO,  
THE GUILD MASTER OF  
THE KNIGHTS GUILD.









ALTHOUGH A GATE'S  
SIZE ISN'T ALWAYS  
RELATIVE TO ITS  
RANK,

THE  
AMOUNT OF MANA  
EMANATING FROM  
THIS ONE MATCHES  
ITS GARGANTUAN  
SIZE.

DID THE  
ASSOCIATION  
SAY IT WAS AN  
S-RANK?

NO, BUT  
IT WAS JUST SHY  
OF BEING DEEMED  
IMMEASURABLE.

IT'S THE LARGEST  
GATE TO EVER APPEAR  
IN BUSAN CITY.

BUSAN...?

SHOULD I MEET UP  
WITH JOOHEE AND ASK  
HER TO TREAT ME TO  
SOME SASHIMI?

I'M SURE YOU'VE ALREADY  
SEEN THE NEWS, BUT THE  
HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION IS  
REFUSING TO GIVE US AN  
ENTRY PERMIT.

THEY THINK THE RAID  
WOULD BE TOO RISKY  
BECAUSE THERE ARE NO  
S-RANK HUNTERS IN THE  
KNIGHTS GUILD.

HOWEVER, THE



ASSOCIATION MAY GIVE  
US PERMISSION IF YOU  
WERE TO JOIN OUR  
STRIKE SQUAD.

I WONDER IF  
HE'LL GIVE ME  
HIS AUTOGRAPH  
IF I ASK...

WE'LL MAKE SURE  
TO COMPENSATE YOU  
GENEROUSLY.

WHEN A MAJOR GUILD  
TAKES ON A DUNGEON, AN  
S-RANK HUNTER USUALLY  
GETS A 10 PERCENT  
SHARE OF THE PROFITS,  
GIVE OR TAKE.

HOWEVER, WE ARE  
WILLING TO PAY YOU  
20 PERCENT.

LET'S  
MAKE THAT  
FIFTY-FIFTY.



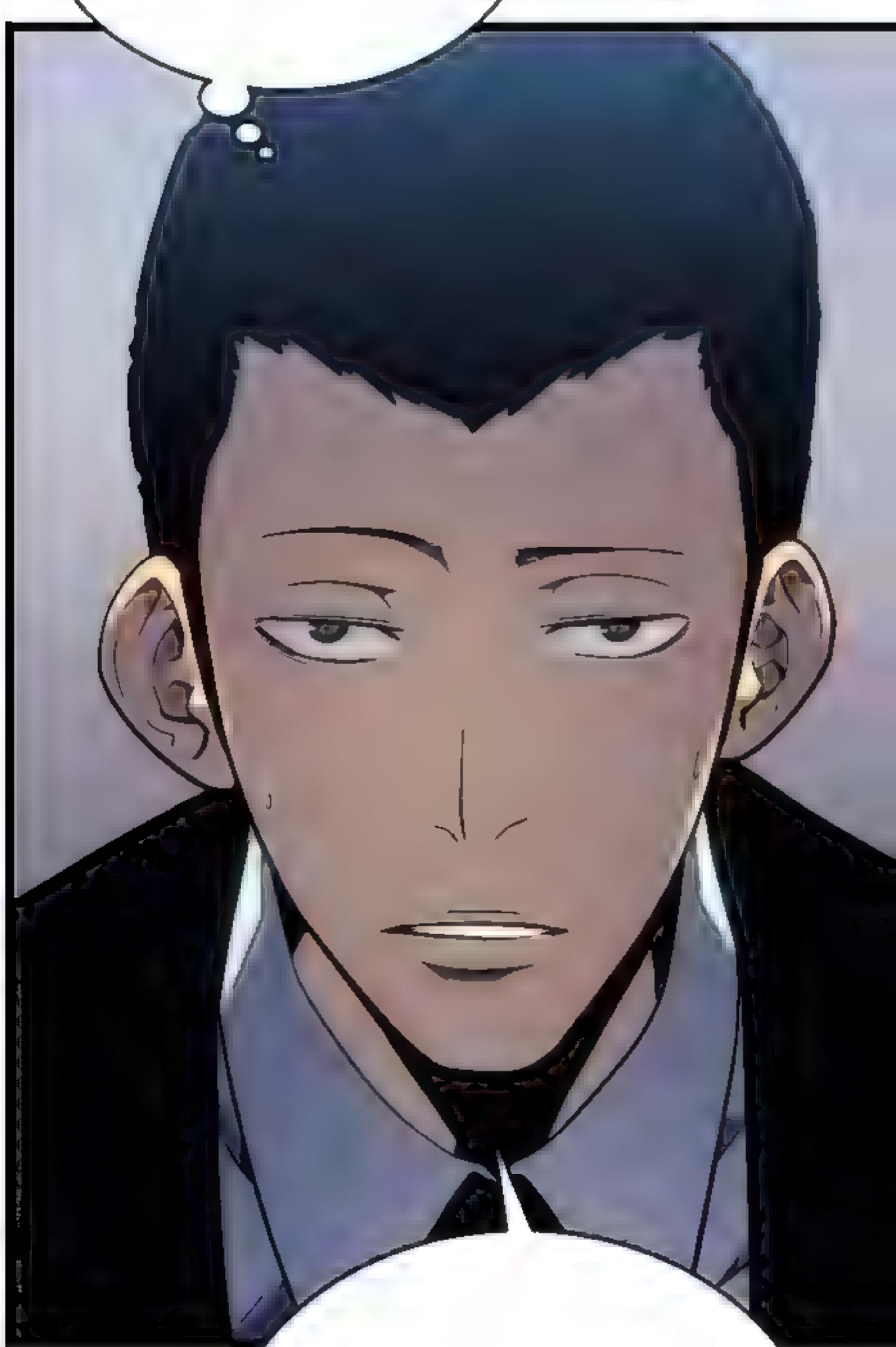






I'M NOT TRYING TO  
NEGOTIATE WITH YOU  
RIGHT NOW.

THIS TWERP LOOKS  
YOUNG, BUT... HE SURE  
AIN'T A PUSHOVER.



VERY WELL. BUT IN  
RETURN, WE'D LIKE YOU  
TO DEFEAT THE DUNGEON  
BOSS. CAN YOU DO  
THAT FOR US?





SURE, OKAY.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE  
SINCE THIS GATE WAS  
FIRST DISCOVERED, SO  
WE MUST BEGIN THE  
RAID TOMORROW AT  
THE LATEST.


WE CAN GIVE  
YOU A RIDE DOWN TO  
BUSAN NOW. WHY  
DON'T YOU COME  
WITH US?

I ACTUALLY HAVE  
PLANS TONIGHT, SO  
I WILL SEE YOU  
TOMORROW.

I PROMISE  
THAT I WON'T  
BE LATE.

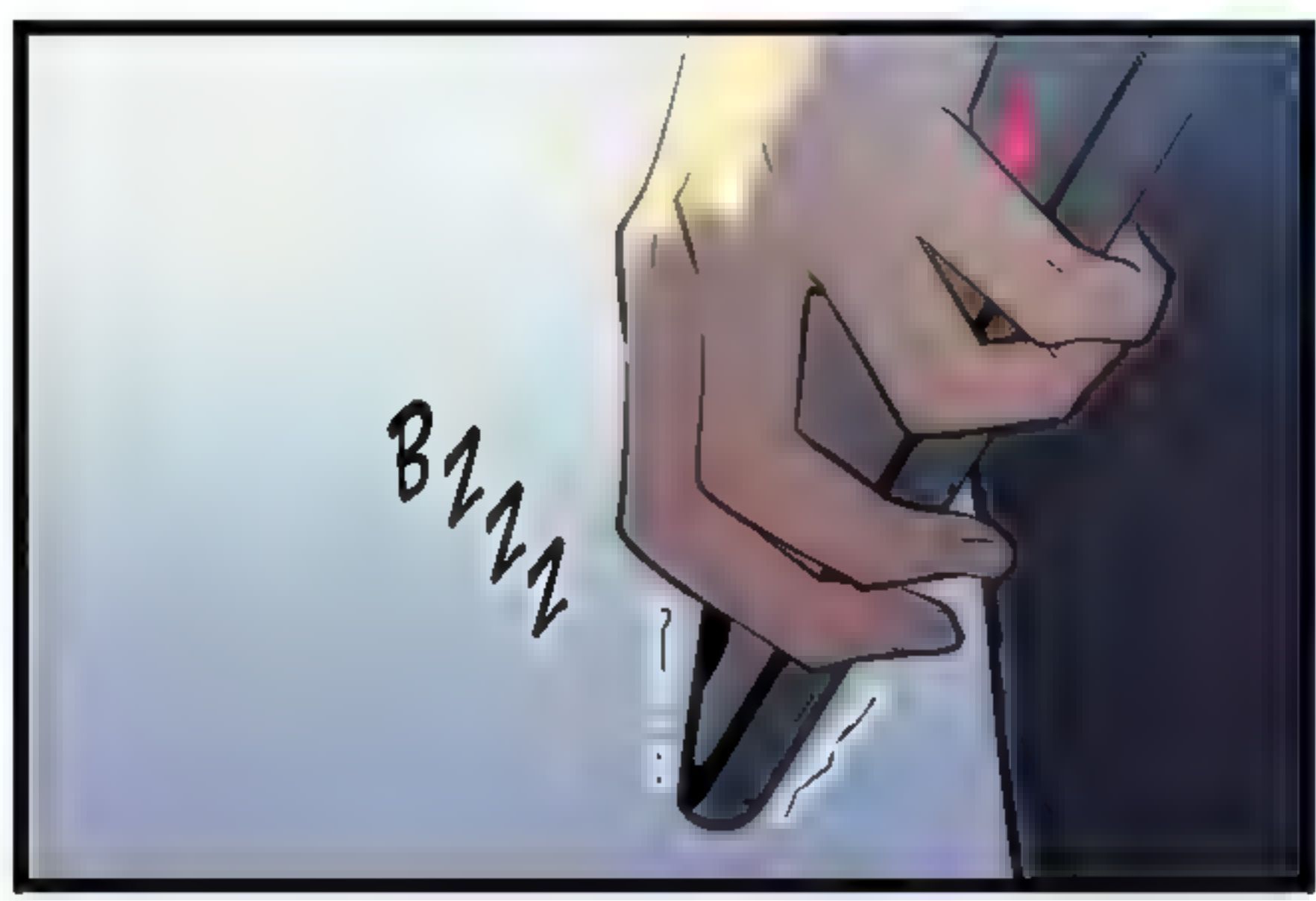


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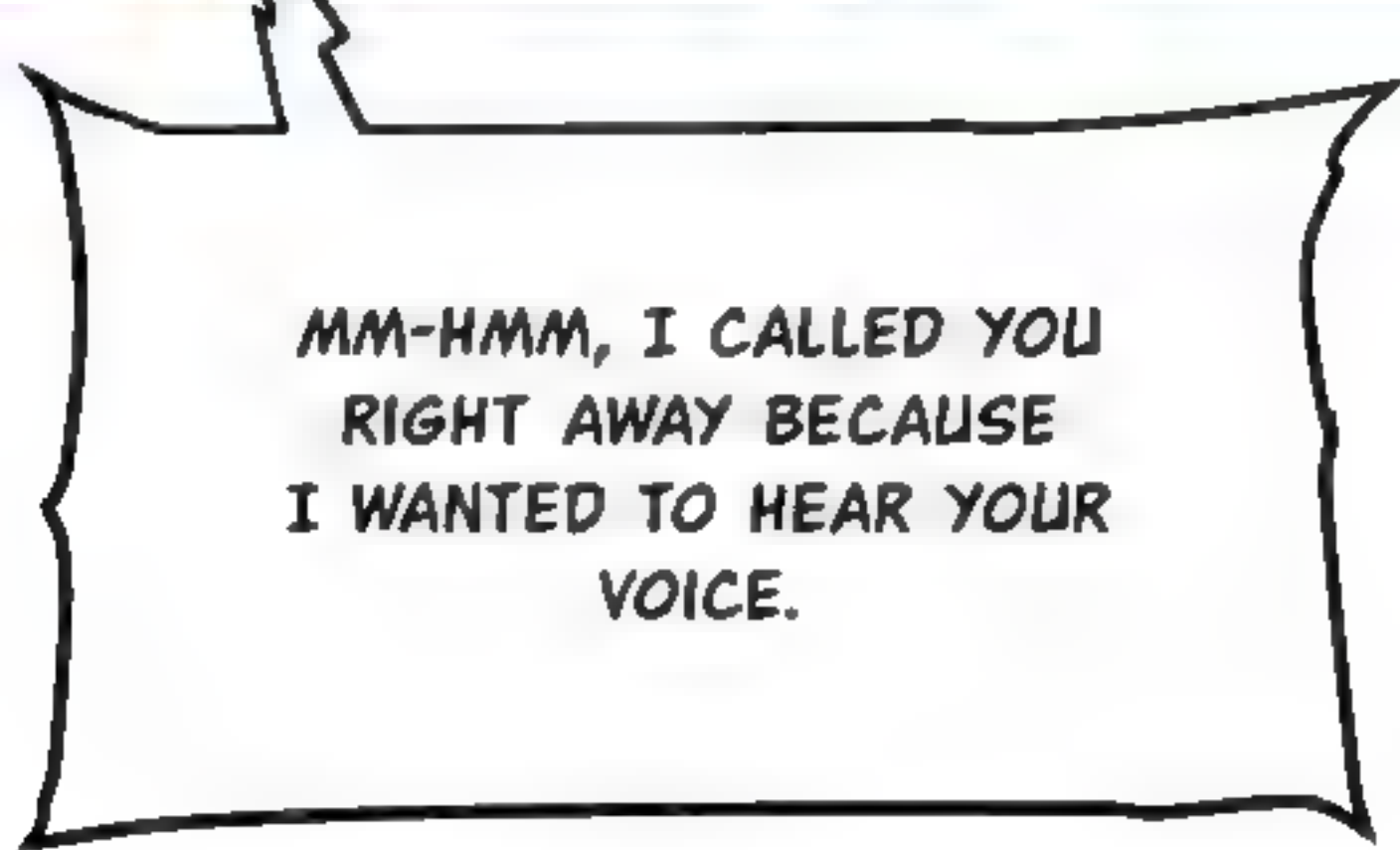


HUH? I'M PRETTY  
SURE HIS SHADOW  
MOVED JUST  
NOW...















THE NEXT DAY  
AT GWANGALLI  
BEACH, BUSAN.

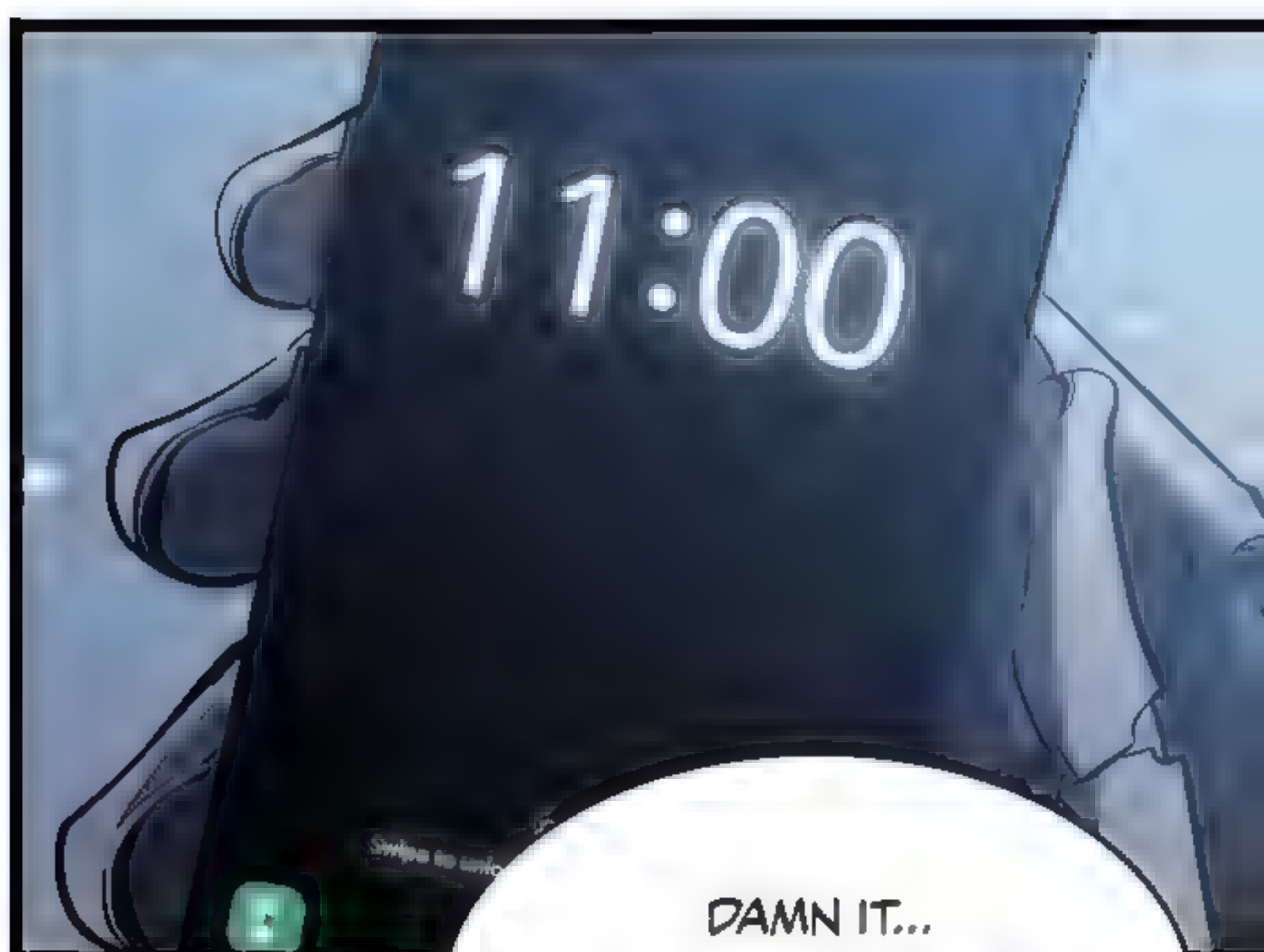




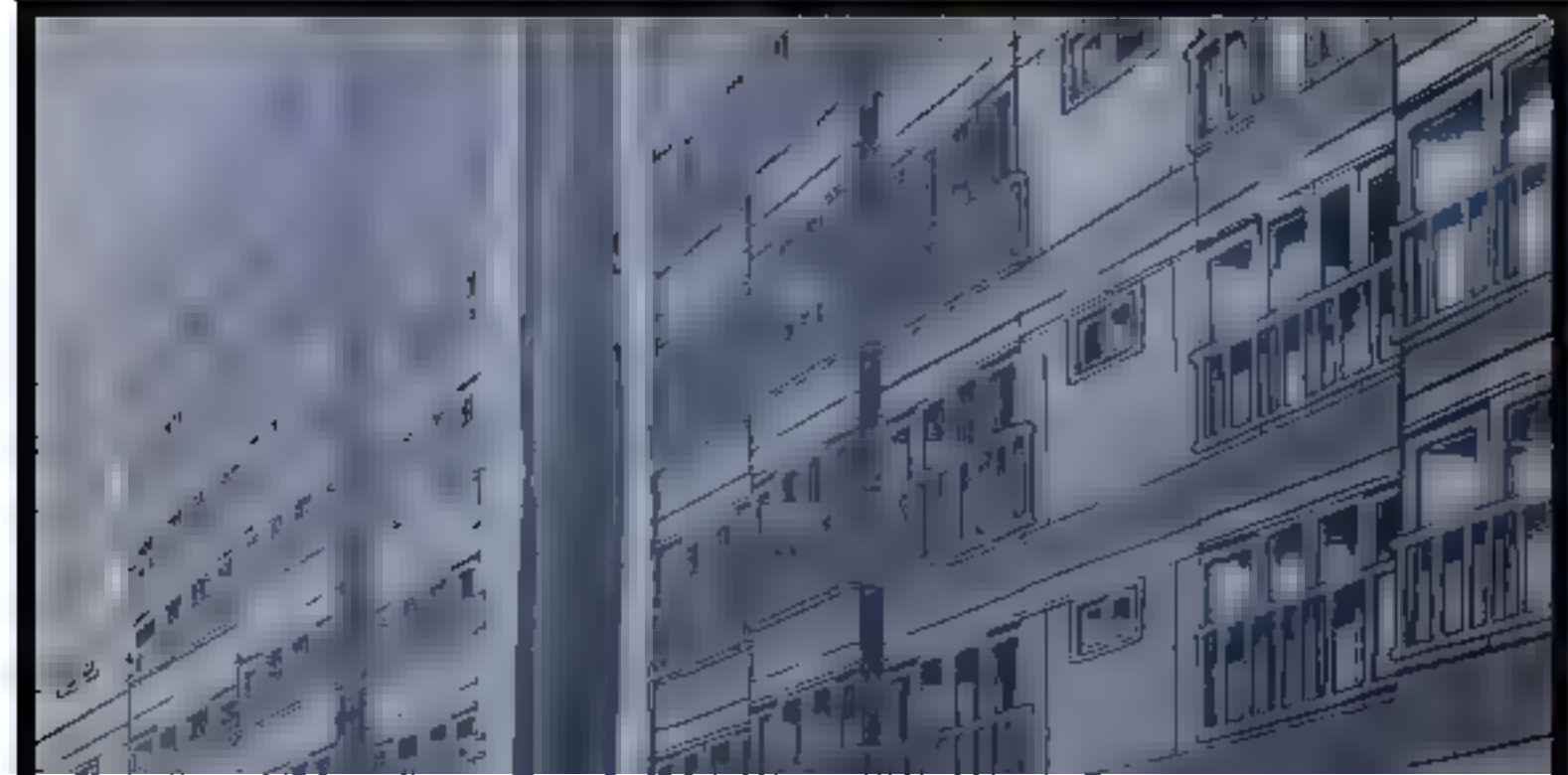


ARGH,  
I SHOULD'VE JUST  
FORCED HIM TO  
COME WITH US  
YESTERDAY.

I HOPE HE'S  
NOT GONNA BE  
LATE.



DAMN IT...  
WE HAVE TO GET  
GOING IN FIVE  
MINUTES...







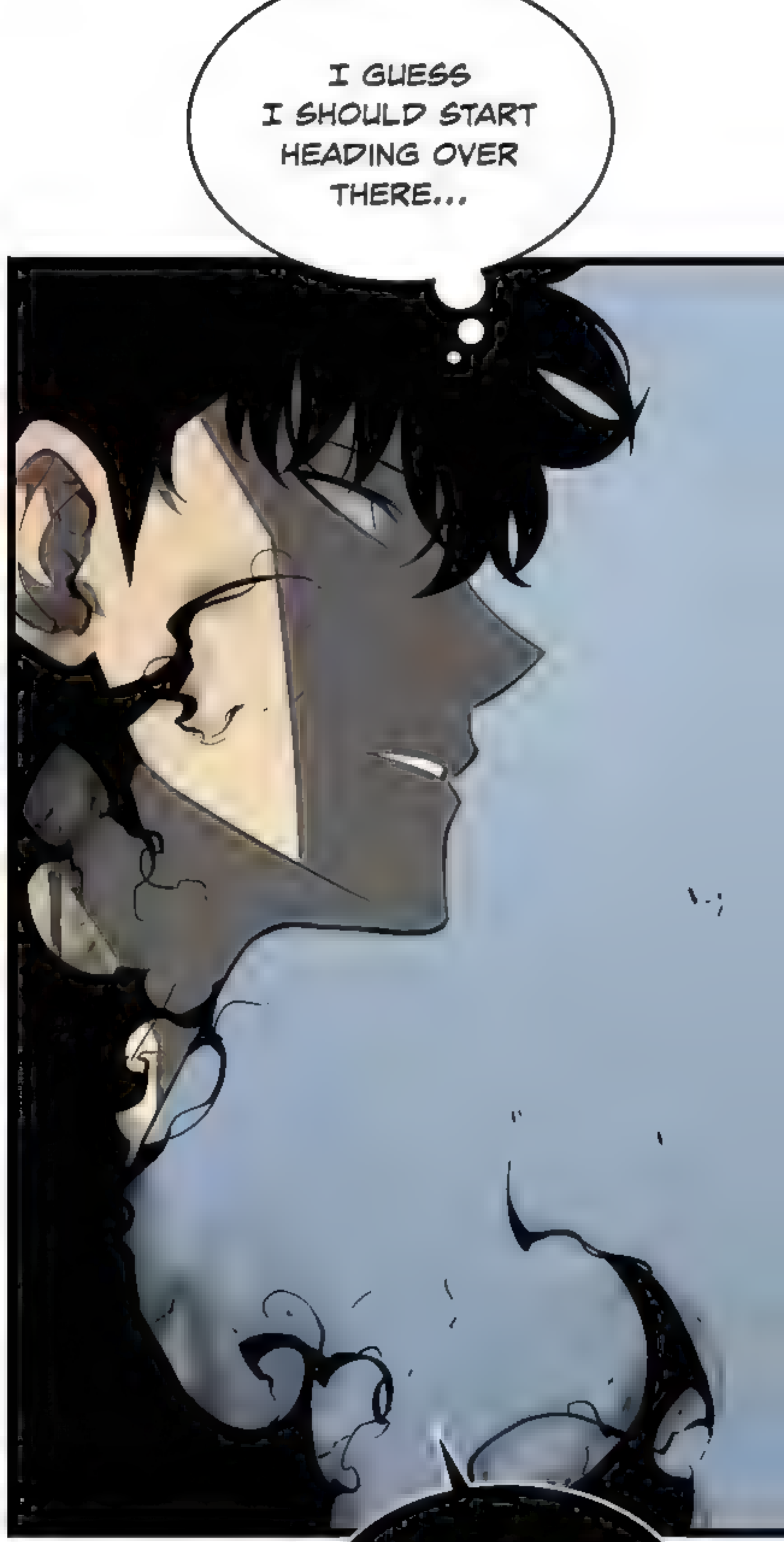




THE WEATHER  
DOESN'T LOOK  
GOOD.

RUMBLE

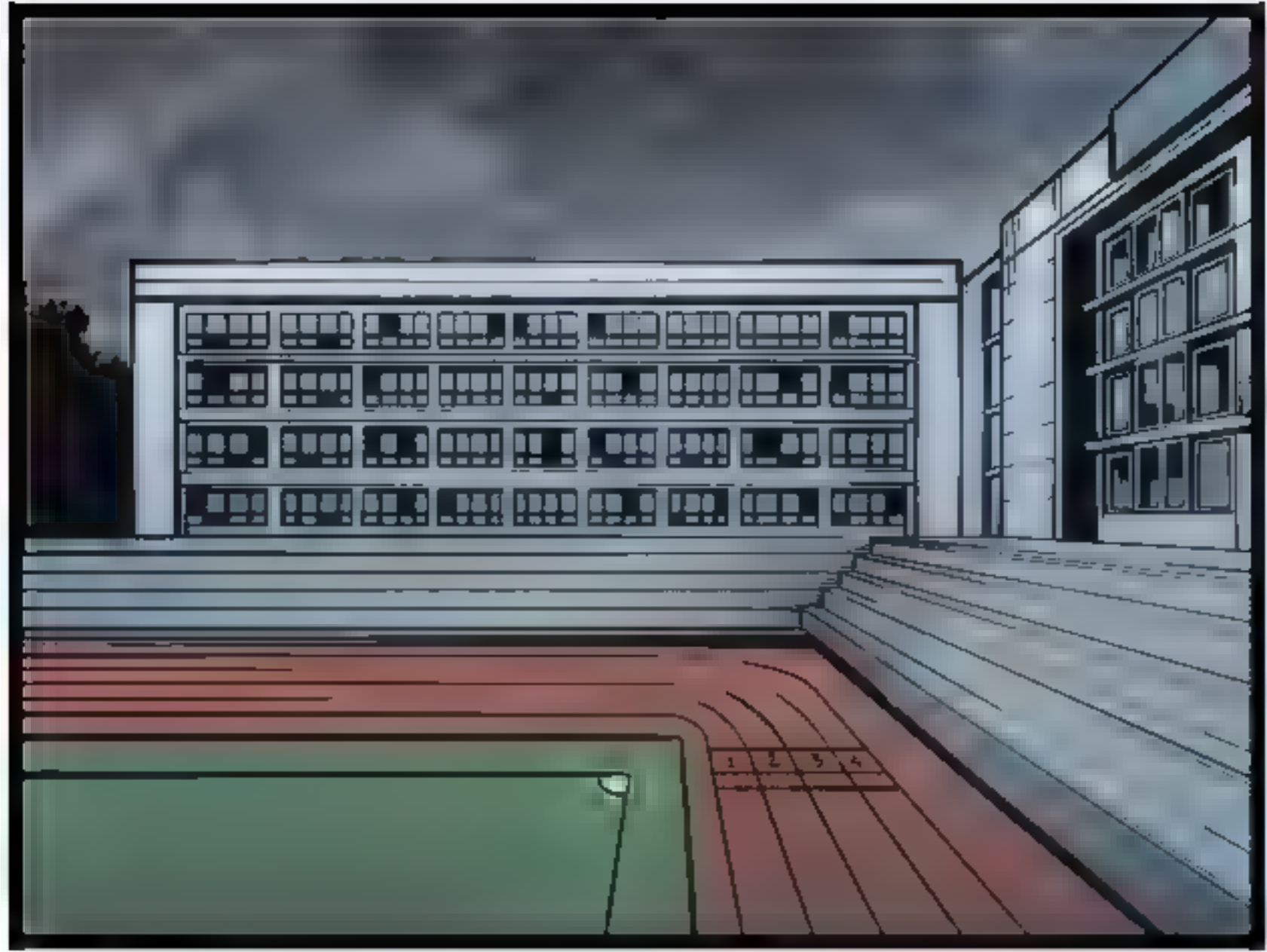
I HOPE  
JINAH TOOK AN  
UMBRELLA WITH  
HER.



I GUESS  
I SHOULD START  
HEADING OVER  
THERE...

SHADOW  
EXCHANGE.






WE'RE  
BASICALLY  
BEING USED AS  
FREE LABOR.

I KNOW,  
RIGHT?

WHY DOES THE  
ART TEACHER KEEP  
DUMPING ALL THEIR  
WORK ON US?





HOW MANY  
PLASTER BUSTS  
ARE WE SUPPOSED  
TO BRING AGAIN?

WE WERE  
SPLIT UP INTO  
SIX GROUPS,  
SO PROBABLY  
ONE FOR  
EACH.

UGH... EVEN IF WE  
EACH CARRY ONE,  
WE'LL STILL HAVE  
TO MAKE TWO  
TRIPS.

THEN HOW  
ABOUT YOU JUST  
CARRY FOUR AT  
ONCE?

AGH, THE  
DUST.

I WONDER WHEN  
THIS PLACE WAS  
LAST CLEANED.


BLECH.

THIS ROOM  
PROBABLY HASN'T  
BEEN USED ALL  
SEMESTER.










CHILL OUT, YOU GUYS. THIS GATE IS CLOSED, SO IT'S TOTALLY SAFE.

HUNTERS ARE THE ONLY ONES THAT CAN PASS THROUGH HERE, AND NOTHING INSIDE CAN GET OUT EITHER.

PLUS, IT'LL TAKE ABOUT A WEEK FOR THIS GATE TO OPEN.



BUT DIDN'T YOU SAY THIS ROOM'S BEEN NEGLECTED ALL SEMESTER?

THE FACT THAT WE ONLY JUST FOUND IT NOW MUST MEAN THAT...













To Be Continued...

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